Deaths Queensland, 2017

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Key data

Registered deaths, 2017:
Queensland ............................................... 31,555
Australia .................................................. 160,909

Annual change:
Queensland ............................................... ↑ 6.3%
Australia .................................................. ↑ 1.5%

Main findings

Note: Commentary is based on year of death registration and state of usual residence of the deceased, regardless of where in Australia the death occurred. Year of registration can be different to year of occurrence due to lags in the registration process. It should also be noted that date of registration is not uniform across states and territories. Both these factors should be kept in mind when analysing deaths data.

• In 2017, there were 31,555 deaths registered in Queensland: 16,645 males (52.7%) and 14,910 females (47.3%). This was an increase of 6.3% on registrations in the previous year (29,690 deaths) (Figure 1). Australia had a 1.5% increase in registered deaths, from 158,504 in 2016 to 160,909 in 2017.

• In 2017, Queensland’s standardised death rate was 5.5 deaths per 1,000 persons. This was an increase of 0.1 from 5.4 in 2016. The Australian rate of 5.3 deaths per 1,000 persons decreased from 5.4 in 2016 (Figure 2).

• The infant mortality rate in Queensland increased from 4.0 infant deaths per 1,000 live births in 2016 to 4.3 in 2017. The respective Australian infant death rates also increased, from 3.1 in 2016 to 3.3 in 2017.

• There are significant differences in the median age at death of Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations by sex. In Queensland in 2017, the median age at death for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males was 58.2 years, compared with 77.9 years for non-Indigenous males. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander females had a median age at death of 64.0 years, compared with 84.3 years for their non-Indigenous counterparts.

• In 2017, the number of registered Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander deaths for Queensland was 897 persons (Figure 3).

1 The standardised death rate eliminates the effect of the changing age structure of the population. The standard population used is the Australian population in 2001.